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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
12420 Parklawn Drive, Room 1-23
Rockville, MD 20857

RE: Request for Comments on Development of Options to Encourage Animal Drug Approvals
for Minor Species and for Minor Use (Docket No. 97N-0217)

Dear Sir:

The Striped Bass Growers Association has reviewed the comments by the National Aquaculture Association (NAA) to FDA in regards to the "Development of Options to Encourage Animal Drug Approvals for Minor Species and for Minor Use". Their comments directly reflect our sentiments. We concur and endorse the recommendations provided by NAA as they enhance development of the aquaculture industry in the U.S. without incurring any increased public health risks. The SBGA would be willing to help identify possible support for CVM to implement the recommendations provided by NAA if necessary.

We thank you for consideration of our input.

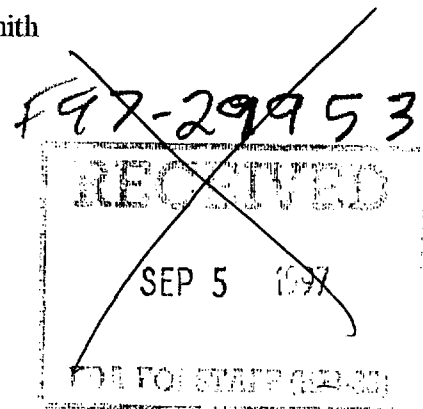
Sincerely,

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